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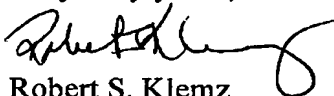
Dear Ms. Vigil:

Pursuant to our conversation this morning, transmitted herewith is a copy of the Request that was filed September 02, 2003 in the USPTO RO. Please note the declaration and signature on pages 5-6 of the Request.

Please confirm by return facsimile that this declaration is sufficient and that we do not need to file a new declaration or the \$130 surcharge pursuant to 37 CFR 1.492(e).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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